

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method in a user computer for sending a voice message, the method comprising:

recording by an executable browser plug-in resource a voice message spoken by a calling party based on encoding parameters recognized by a voice messaging system configured for storing voice messages for a plurality of voice messaging subscribers, the recording including ~~recording the voice message using an executable browser plug-in resource configured for~~ encoding the voice message according to any one of G.711, G.729, and GSM encoding protocols;

storing the voice message within a data file having a selectable Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME) type recognizable by the voice messaging system as a voice message, the MIME type identifying the one encoding protocol; and

outputting the data file using a prescribed messaging protocol for transfer to a destination voice mailbox accessible by the voice messaging system for a corresponding one of the voice messaging subscribers distinct from the calling party.

2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the recording step includes recording the voice message using an executable browser plug-in resource configured for encoding the voice message using mu-law encoding at an encoding rate of 8 kHz.

3. (CANCELED).

4. (CANCELED).

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1, further comprising reviewing the voice message by the executable browser plug-in resource prior to the outputting step.

6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the outputting step includes outputting

the data file using an executable e-mail client configured for sending the data file using a prescribed e-mail protocol as the prescribed messaging protocol.

7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 6, wherein the outputting step includes outputting the data file to the destination voice mailbox according to one of SMTP protocol and IMAP protocol.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A user computer comprising:

a recorder configured for recording a voice message input by a user according to selected encoding parameters recognized by a voice messaging system configured for storing voice messages for a plurality of voice messaging subscribers, the recorder configured for encoding the voice message using at least one of G.711, G.729, and GSM encoding protocols, the recorder configured for storing the voice message as a data file having a selectable MIME type recognizable by the voice messaging system as a voice message, the MIME type identifying the one encoding protocol; and

an e-mail client configured for sending the data file to a destination voice mailbox for one of the voice messaging subscribers distinct from the user, using a prescribed messaging protocol, enabling access by the voice messaging system for the corresponding one voice messaging subscriber.

9. (CANCELED).

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The user computer of claim 8, wherein the recorder includes an executable plug-in resource having executable code including instructions for performing the encoding according to the at least one of G.711, G.729, and GSM encoding protocols.

11. (CANCELED).

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer readable medium having stored thereon sequences of instructions for sending a voice message, the sequences of instructions including instructions for performing the steps of:

recording by an executable browser plug-in resource a voice message spoken by a calling party based on encoding parameters recognized by a voice messaging system configured for storing voice messages for a plurality of voice messaging subscribers, the recording including ~~recording the voice message using an executable browser plug-in resource configured for~~ encoding the voice message according to any one of G.711, G.729, and GSM encoding protocols;

storing the voice message within a data file having a selectable Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME) type recognizable by the voice messaging system as a voice message, the MIME type identifying the one encoding protocol; and

outputting the data file using a prescribed messaging protocol for transfer to a destination voice mailbox accessible by the voice messaging system for a corresponding one of the voice messaging subscribers distinct from the calling party.

13. (ORIGINAL) The medium of claim 12, wherein the recording step includes recording the voice message using an executable browser plug-in resource configured for encoding the voice message using mu-law encoding at an encoding rate of 8 kHz.

14. (CANCELED).

15. (CANCELED).

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The medium of claim 12, further comprising instructions for performing the step of reviewing the voice message by the executable browser plug-in resource prior to the outputting step.

17. (ORIGINAL) The medium of claim 12, wherein the outputting step includes

outputting the data file using an executable e-mail client configured for sending the data file using a prescribed e-mail protocol as the prescribed messaging protocol.

18. (ORIGINAL) The medium of claim 17, wherein the outputting step includes outputting the data file to the destination voice mailbox according to one of SMTP protocol and IMAP protocol.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A user computer configured for sending a voice message, the user computer comprising:

means for recording by an executable browser plug-in resource a voice message spoken by a calling party based on encoding parameters recognized by a voice messaging system configured for storing voice messages for a plurality of voice messaging subscribers, the ~~recording including recording the voice message using an~~ executable browser plug-in resource configured for encoding the voice message according to any one of G.711, G.729, and GSM encoding protocols;

means for storing the voice message within a data file having a selectable Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME) type recognizable by the voice messaging system as a voice message, the MIME type identifying the one encoding protocol; and

means for outputting the data file using a prescribed messaging protocol for transfer to a destination voice mailbox accessible by the voice messaging system for a corresponding one of the voice messaging subscribers distinct from the calling party.

20. (ORIGINAL) The user computer of claim 19, wherein the recording means includes an executable browser plug-in resource configured for encoding the voice message using mu-law encoding at an encoding rate of 8 kHz.

21. (CANCELED).

22. (CANCELED).

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The user computer of claim 19, wherein the recording means includes means for reviewing the voice message by the executable browser plug-in resource prior to the outputting step.

24. (ORIGINAL) The user computer of claim 19, wherein the outputting means includes an executable e-mail client configured for sending the data file using a prescribed e-mail protocol as the prescribed messaging protocol.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The user computer of claim 24, wherein the outputting means is configured for outputting the data file to the destination voice mailbox according to one of SMTP protocol and IMAP protocol.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein the MIME type has a ~~value~~ MIME type extension of one of ~~“.711”, “.729”, and “.GSM”~~ .711, .729, and .GSM for identification of the one encoding protocol as the G.711, G.729 and GSM encoding protocol, respectively.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The user computer of claim 8, wherein the MIME type has a ~~value~~ MIME type extension of one of ~~“.711”, “.729”, and “.GSM”~~ .711, .729, and .GSM for identification of the one encoding protocol as the G.711, G.729 and GSM encoding protocol, respectively.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The medium of claim 12, wherein the MIME type has a ~~value~~ MIME type extension of one of ~~“.711”, “.729”, and “.GSM”~~ .711, .729, and .GSM for identification of the one encoding protocol as the G.711, G.729 and GSM encoding protocol, respectively.

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The user computer of claim 19, wherein the MIME type has a ~~value~~ MIME type extension of one of ~~“.711”, “.729”, and “.GSM”~~ .711, .729, and .GSM for identification of the one encoding protocol as the G.711, G.729 and GSM encoding protocol, respectively.